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METHODS OF USE  
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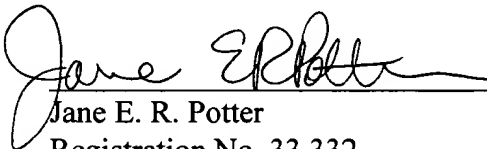
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Reference AL (WO 99/47669), on page 1 of the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in German. Accordingly, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the English abstract on the cover page. Applicants respectfully submit that the English abstract provides an explanation as to the reference's relevance.

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